

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CITY POLICY PERTAINING TO MEMORIALS ON CITY PROPERTY OR RIGHTS OF WAY

WHEREAS, from time to time individuals or organizations create memorials in honor of a person or persons who died tragically or unexpectedly, and place them on city property or along roadways, and

WHEREAS, the City of Durham has a responsibility to maintain city property and rights-of-way to protect public safety and ensure the necessary use and/or enjoyment of city property, and

WHEREAS, the city desires to be respectful of the individuals and circumstances for which memorials have been created and placed on public land, and

WHEREAS, the city desires to be consistent in its treatment of such memorials, and has developed a policy describing how memorials will be treated and under what circumstances and time frames they will be removed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Durham endorses a draft policy of the administration which sets forth the responsibilities of staff in maintaining and/or removing memorials in rights-of-way and on city property, and explains the process staff will follow when memorials are removed.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective on and after its passage.